

Specification Amendments

Please replace paragraph no. [1004] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1004] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1004] Thus, there is a need for a single device that can be changed from a-an infant activity gym to a toddler activity device to provide a continuous play environment for small children at varying levels of development without the added cost of purchasing a separate device.

Please replace paragraph no. [1021] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1021] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1021] In FIG. 1, the activity member 20 is in an upright configuration with respect to the base member 10 in the first, activity configuration. The activity member 20 is configured such that a child can engage the activity member 20 while the child is situated on the base member 10. The slide member 30 is not separately illustrated in FIG. 1. In the illustrated embodiment, the slide member 30 can be removed from the device 100 and separately stored. Alternatively, the activity member 20 can be pivoted away from the base member 10 and positioned as the slide member 30 (i.e., disposed angularly with respect to the base member 10).

Please replace paragraph no. [1024] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1024] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1024] In the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 3, the slide member 30 is partially disposed within the activity member 20. Another portion of the slide member 30 is disposed within the base member 10. In the illustrated embodiment, the slide member 30 may be either slidably or pivotably coupled to the activity member 20.

Please replace paragraph no. [1025] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1025] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1025] In the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 4, the slide member 30 is disposed substantially within the bottom of the base member 10. The slide member 30 may be slidably or pivotably coupled to the base member 10 and may be removed from the base member 10 and coupled to the activity member 20 to position the device 100 in the second configuration.

Please replace paragraph no. [1026] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1026] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1026] In the embodiment illustrated in FIG 5, the slide member 30 is disposed angularly within the base member 10. In the illustrated embodiment, the slide member 30 may be slidably or pivotably coupled to the base member 10.

Please replace paragraph no. [1027] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1027] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1027] In any of the embodiments described herein, the slide member 30 may be pivotably coupled, releasably coupled, or slidably coupled to the activity center-member 20 or to the base member 10. In the first configuration, the slide member 30 may be completely or partially removed from the device or retracted within the device 100. For example, the slide member 30 may be pivotably coupled to the activity member 20 and folded under the base member 10 in the first configuration. Alternatively, the slide member 30 may be removably coupled to the device 100 and either separated from the device 100, attached to the outside of the device 100, or placed within the device 100 when in the first configuration. The slide member 30 may also be

configured to slide into and out of either the base member 10 or the activity member 20 to move between the first configuration and the second configuration.

Please replace paragraph no. [1035] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1035] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1035] When the device 100 is in the second configuration, as shown in FIG. 7, the step face 22 of the activity member 20 is substantially parallel with the base member 10 and faces upwardly with respect to the support surface on which the device 100 is positioned. The slide member 30 is disposed adjacent to the step face 22, allowing a child to climb onto the step face 22 of the activity member 20 and proceed down the slide member 30. The activity face 24 of the activity member 20 contacts the base member 10. When sufficient force is applied to the step face 22, such as, for example, when a child sits or steps on the step face 22, one or more of the actuators 44, 46 can be pushed against the base member 10 and activated, causing sounds and/or lights to be output. The audible and/or visual output that is produced when the device 100 is in the first configuration may be the same as or different than the audible and/or visual output that is produced when the device 100 is in the second configuration. Additionally, sounds and or lights may be output when the device 100 is moved between the first and second configurations.

Please replace paragraph no. [1036] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1036] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1036] In the illustrated embodiment, the slide member 30 is pivotably coupled to the activity member 20 at a pivot or hinge 32 coupled to the extended portion 25 of the step face 22. When the device 100 is in the second configuration, the slide member 30 extends from the activity member 20 at an angle down to the support surface on which the device 100 is disposed.

Please replace paragraph no. [1037] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1037] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1037] Arc members 52, 54 can be coupled on opposing sides of and adjacent to the corners of the base member 10. The arc members 52, 54 extend above the base member 10. In the illustrated embodiment, the arc members 52, 54 are substantially parallel to one another and are formed from a rigid material. The arc members 52, 54 are located such that they can be used as support rails for a child using the slide member 30 in the second configuration or as crawl-through activity arcs in the first configuration. The arc members 52, 54 may also be used by a child to assist the child in moving from a sitting to a standing position.

Please replace paragraph no. [1047] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1047] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1047] Although the device 100 is described above as having two actuators 44, 46 positioned on the activity member 20, in an alternative embodiment, the device 100 may include multiple actuators, including actuators disposed on or beneath the base member 10, on the arc members 52, 54, on or beneath the slide member 30, or other at other positions of the device 100.

Please replace paragraph no. [1048] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [1048] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

[1048] Additionally, although actuators 44, 46 are described above as mechanical switches, the actuators may be motion detectors, IR switches or other similar actuators to detect motion or position of a child using the device 100. For example, an IR switch may be placed in an opening between two ends of an arc member 52, 54 to detect when an object or a child passes through the

arc. Alternatively, pressure switches may be located in the base member 10, the step surface 22 of the activity center-member 20, or the slide member 30 to cause an output when a child or an object passes over the actuator. A specific output pattern from the output 80 may also be uniquely associated with a particular input. Actuators may also be in the activity centers 62, 64, 66, 26-68 to respond to objects contacting or passing through the activity centers 62, 64, 66, 68.